

The Christian Turck House,
Kirchhain, Wisconsin. (VICINITY)

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1249 N. Franklin Place, Milwaukee, Wis.

CHRISTIAN TURCK HOUSE
Near Kirchhayn, Washington County
Wisconsin

Owner: John Schottler.

Date of Erection: Late 1830's.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Fair.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Log.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

CHRISTIAN TURCK HOUSE

On a farm about one mile southeast of the village of Kirchhayn, Wisconsin, is located the Christian Turck House, or rather log cabin. This relic of bygone days was built in the late 30's. It is a most unusual log cabin because it is two stories high with an attic besides. Rarely is there found such a picturesque structure as this. The hood which extends along the entire front of the structure commands immediate attention. There are no vertical supports to it. Extending also the entire length of the building is a summer beam. This supports the entire center load of the structure as well as the ends of the lookout timbers of the hood.

The exterior of the building represents a typical black and white structure. The timbers having weathered to a beautiful silver brown color and the mortar has turned a pearly white.

All the structural elements of the building are exposed and the lines of all these members are most irregular. The space between the logs is filled in with a mixture of loam and rye straw and plastered over with a lime mortar. The inside of building is lined with hand split wood lath placed diagonally on walls, and then plastered. The spaces between the Second Floor joists is also filled with a mixture of loam and rye straw. As the various structural drawings indicate the entire framing of this building is most unique and unusual.

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The building is in an excellent state of
preservation and is still in use.

Reviewed 1936, H.C.F.

William C. Smith
District Officer.